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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.(original) A flexible mold for producing a PDP back surface plate including a rib region having ribs having a predetermined shape and a predetermined size and a non-rib region occupying at least a part of a peripheral portion of said rib region, comprising:

a support and a molding layer disposed on said support;

wherein said molding layer is equipped on a surface thereof with groove patterns necessary for duplicating ribs having a predetermined shape and a predetermined size in a rib formation portion corresponding to said rib region of said back surface plate; and in a rib non-formation portion corresponding to a non-rib region of said back surface plate, said molding layer is formed to a thickness necessary for forming a thin film made of the same material as that of said ribs in said rib non-formation region.

2. (original) A flexible mold as defined in claim 1, wherein said support and said molding layer are transparent.

3. (currently amended) A flexible mold as defined in claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein said molding layer is equipped in said rib region with a portion necessary for forming a thin film made of the same material as that of said ribs between adjacent ribs.

4. (currently amended) A flexible mold as defined in ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, wherein inclination is applied to a terminal portion of each of said groove patterns in said molding layer.

5. (currently amended) A flexible mold as defined in ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, wherein corners are removed from an upper end portion of a sidewall of said groove pattern.

6. (currently amended) A flexible mold as defined in ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~claim 1, wherein said molding layer further includes alignment marks applied to said rib non-formation portion.

7-19(cancelled)

20.(original) A PDP back surface plate comprising a substrate having formed thereon a rib pattern layer having a rib region having ribs having a predetermined shape and a predetermined size and a non-rib region occupying at least a part of a peripheral portion of said rib region, wherein a thin film made of the same material as that of said ribs is formed to a predetermined thickness in said non-rib region.

21-34 (cancelled)